

Public Law 4

CHAPTER 4

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to employ the Armed Forces of the United States for protecting the security of Formosa, the Pescadores and related positions and territories of that area.

January 29, 1955
[H. J. Res. 159]

Whereas the primary purpose of the United States, in its relations with all other nations, is to develop and sustain a just and enduring peace for all; and

Whereas certain territories in the West Pacific under the jurisdiction of the Republic of China are now under armed attack, and threats and declarations have been and are being made by the Chinese Communists that such armed attack is in aid of and in preparation for armed attack on Formosa and the Pescadores,

Whereas such armed attack if continued would gravely endanger the peace and security of the West Pacific Area and particularly of Formosa and the Pescadores; and

Whereas the secure possession by friendly governments of the Western Pacific Island chain, of which Formosa is a part, is essential to the vital interests of the United States and all friendly nations in or bordering upon the Pacific Ocean; and

Whereas the President of the United States on January 6, 1955, submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification a Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of China, which recognizes that an armed attack in the West Pacific area directed against territories, therein described, in the region of Formosa and the Pescadores, would be dangerous to the peace and safety of the parties to the treaty: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be and he hereby is authorized to employ the Armed Forces of the United States as he deems necessary for the specific purpose of securing and protecting Formosa and the Pescadores against armed attack, this authority to include the securing and protection of such related positions and territories of that area now in friendly hands and the taking of such other measures as he judges to be required or appropriate in assuring the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores.

Formosa and
Pescadores.
Defense.

This resolution shall expire when the President shall determine that the peace and security of the area is reasonably assured by international conditions created by action of the United Nations or otherwise, and shall so report to the Congress.

Expiration.
Report.

Approved January 29, 1955, 8:42 a.m.

Public Law 5

CHAPTER 5

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 10, 1953, which created the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

February 7, 1955
[H. R. 2010]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 3 of the Act of July 10, 1953, entitled "An Act to establish a Commission on Intergovernmental Relations", is hereby amended to read as follows:

67 Stat. 146,
5 USC 138a-138j.

"(c) The Commission, not later than June 30, 1955, shall submit to the President for transmittal to the Congress its final report, including recommendations for legislative action; and the Commission may

Final report, etc.

also from time to time make to the President such earlier reports as the President may request or as the Commission deems appropriate."

SEC. 2. Section 6 of such Act of July 10, 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION

Ante, p. 5.

"SEC. 6. The Commission shall cease to exist at the close of business on June 30, 1955."

Approved February 7, 1955.

Public Law 6

CHAPTER 6

JOINT RESOLUTION

February 15, 1955
[S. J. Res. 14]

Extending an invitation to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1960 Olympic Games at Detroit, Michigan.

1960 Olympic
Games.
Invitation to
Detroit, Mich.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whereas the United States Olympic Association will invite the International Olympic Committee to hold the Olympic Games in the United States at Detroit, Michigan, in 1960, the Government of the United States joins in the invitation of the United States Olympic Association to the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1960 Olympic Games in the United States at Detroit, Michigan; and expresses the sincere hope that the United States will be selected as the site for this great enterprise in international good will.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the International Olympic Committee.

Approved February 15, 1955.

Public Law 7

CHAPTER 7

AN ACT

February 15, 1955
[H. R. 587]

To provide that persons serving in the Armed Forces on January 31, 1955, may continue to accrue educational benefits under the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, and for other purposes.

Veterans.
Educational
benefits.
66 Stat. 663.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 201 (1) of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 (38 U. S. C., sec. 911 (1)) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) the term 'basic service period' means the period beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on January 31, 1955, except that with respect to persons in the active service in the Armed Forces on January 31, 1955, such term means the period beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on the date of the person's first discharge or release from such service after January 31, 1955;"

(b) Section 201 (2) (A) of such Act (38 U. S. C., sec. 911 (2) (A)) is hereby amended by striking out "during the basic service period" and inserting in lieu thereof "during the period beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on January 31, 1955".

(c) Section 212 (c) of such Act (38 U. S. C., sec. 917 (c)) is hereby amended by striking out "during the basic service period" each time it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof each time "prior to February 1, 1955".

(d) Section 213 of such Act (38 U. S. C., sec. 918) is hereby amended to read as follows: